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## CYPRIOTS DO NOT FORGET

### Cypriots remember the coup and Turkish invasion

The 1974 tragedy of Cyprus begun on 15 July with the overthrow of the legitimate Cypriot Government of President Makarios in a military coup staged by the junta of Athens.

Turkey invaded the island on 20 July with a 40,000 strong army and occupied originally a small area in the Kyrenia district, using their air force and 250 tanks. Protection of Turkish Cypriot civilians was used by Ankara as a pretext for the illegal invasion.

On August 14 the Turkish troops advanced to take control of 36 percent of the island, including, Morphou, Famagusta and other parts of Cyprus. Thousands of civilians were killed and two hundred thousand were forced out of their home towns as refugees.

In 1983 Turkey issued a unilateral declaration of independence and named the occupied area, as the "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus". However, until today no other nation of the world recognises the so called TRNC except for Turkey.

Since 1975 Turkey has been continuously changing the demography of the island by bringing in illegal immigrants from Turkey, slowly driving the local Turkish Cypriot community out of extinction.

Today, for yet another year the Turkish military occupation, forcible division, violation of human rights, massive illegal Turkish settlement, cultural destruction, property usurpation and ethnic segregation imposed

since the bloody 1974 invasion, remain as the main characteristics of the status quo on the island. The fate of about 1000 missing persons remains unresolved. In addition, Turkey is now threatening further military action against Cyprus, in order to steal the natural resources within the island's legitimate territorial waters.

The Justice for Cyprus Coordinating Committee SA (SEKA), and the Cyprus Community of SA have been having commemorative events in Adelaide every year since 1975. This year, due to the COVID 19 restrictions large scale events have been cancelled. However, there will be radio programs, newspaper articles and smaller scale activities commemorating the 46th Anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus, to be announced in due course.

SEKA and the Cyprus Community, express their solidarity and support to the people of Cyprus, they honour those who lost their lives in the struggle for freedom and democracy and express their support to the families of those still missing during the events of 1974.

SEKA, pledges to continue the efforts to promote a just and viable solution that will end the Turkish military occupation and help to reunite the island and its people, Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots on the common homeland under a unified federal system of Government. We call on the Australian community to "Never Forget" and be vigilant until Justice for Cyprus prevails.

### Homes face solar panel switch-off says Koutsantonis

More than 275,000 South Australian households with solar panels face the prospect of the government being able to compulsorily switch-off their systems, according to a statement by Shadow Minister for Energy Tom Koutsantonis.

"In a major shock to the one-in-three households with solar panels in South Australia, the Marshall Liberal Government is implementing new powers which will permit panels to be switched off during times of excess energy production.

"Rather than switching off solar panels during times of excess energy production, the government could store that energy in batteries or pumped hydro or

hydrogen or the energy could be purposed for heavy industries.

"There is also significant levels of solar energy in the business sector - with a quarter of large businesses in SA estimated to have solar panels, as well as one-in-ten small businesses.

"Recent revelations follow news South Australians are being hit with a \$90 million power bill shock, after the Marshall Liberal Government refused to turn on the state-owned generators during a failure of the privatised electricity system.

"The Government is still pressing ahead with the privatisation of our state-owned generators" the statement concludes.

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## COVID19 CRISIS

# Borders won't open yet

South Australian Premier put his plans to re-open SA borders to Victoria on hold due to the recent spike of coronavirus cases in Victoria.

The State Government's commitment comes as it prepares for new cases when international travellers return to Adelaide.

Premier Steven Marshall said the state would move toward a model of restricting travel from "identified hotspots" rather than blanket restrictions by state or territory.

"We will continue to closely monitor what is happening in Victoria but we do have confidence that they will be able to get on top of these clusters that are there at the moment."

Following a meeting of national cabinet, Mr Marshall said states had agreed to continue lifting restrictions while embarking on a "suppression" rather than "elimination" approach.

Victoria recorded over 75 new coronavirus cases yesterday - a double-digit increase for the 12th consecutive day.

Police Commissioner Grant Stevens says strict controls will remain in place at the Victorian border for as long as they are required.

"Vulnerable areas are going to be a challenge for us and that's something we'll be watching before we actually make that decision to lift all border restrictions," he said.

"If we're starting to consider safe zones in different jurisdictions then we'll have a mechanism to ask specific questions of people in relation to their movement around that safe zone."

Commissioner Stevens said those coming from interstate will need pre-approval online to cross the border as an essential traveller from next week.

Health Minister Stephen Wade said the state could expect new cases when about 300 returning Australians arrive in Adelaide this weekend.

"In terms of what we're seeing interstate, about five to 10 per cent of travellers recently



Prime Minister Scott Morrison with the Minister for Health Greg Hunt and Australian Government Chief Medical Officer Brendan Murphy

returned from the subcontinent have tested positive on their arrival in Australia," he said.

From Monday, social distancing will be reduced to one person per two square metres, down from the current restriction of one person per four square metres.

Mr Marshall said the measure would help boost the

number of patrons at venues, allowing businesses to hire more staff.

"This is going to increase the capacity of many sectors in South Australia to re-employ people and get them back to work," he said.

"We know this represents approximately 50 per cent of the capacity of most venues."

## Thousands rally against racism in Adelaide

Thousands of people protested across Australia early June to oppose the deaths of Indigenous people in police custody.

They followed Black Lives Matter protests held around the world in recent weeks after the death of George Floyd at the hands of a white police officer in the US state of Minneapolis.

Thousands of people marched in Brisbane, Adelaide, Canberra, Hobart and at regional rallies.

Big crowds also gathered later Saturday afternoon for protests in Melbourne and Sydney - after the New South Wales Court of Appeal ruled in favour of a last-ditch attempt to lawfully authorise a Sydney protest.

The last-minute decision meant those marching in Sydney were immune from prosecution for breaching public health

orders. Tens of thousands people turned up to the rally, with organisers and volunteers seen handing out masks and pumping hand sanitiser into the hands of attendees.

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Shanaya Donovan, a Gadigal woman, said she attended the protests despite the potential to be fined or jailed because she was constantly racially profiled.

"I've been followed around in Kmart, looking like I'm going to steal something," she said.

"I've learned I have to go in my work uniform, so it doesn't look like I'm going to take anything. I get stared at by police when I'm in public."



From the anti-racist rally in Adelaide - Photo by Sophia Zavlagkas

In Adelaide, it is estimated that thousands turned out to the rally held at Victoria Square in the CBD, with many people seen wearing face masks.

State Police Commissioner Grant Stevens on Friday granted an exemption from coronavirus restrictions for the rally to go ahead.

### Church restrictions easing

Following the latest advice from the Australian Government regarding the second stage of easing COVID-19 restrictions, the President Mr. Bill Gonis and the Administrative Council of the Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia said they are pleased to advise that the GOCSA churches are taking another step towards normality, by allowing more people inside the churches.

From this weekend, a maximum of 124 people are allowed inside the Cathedral of Archangels in Franklin Street Adelaide as well as the Koimissis church in Croydon, and 100 people at the churches of St Nicholas in Thebarton and St Constantinos and Eleni in Goodwood, given that social distancing will be practiced (one person per two square meters).

Those who wish to attend a church service must register their attendance by calling the head

## Community Life



Young girls from the local community who took part in the Adelaide "Black Lives Matter" rally, pose for the Greek Tribune

office of the Greek Community on 8231 4307 until Friday afternoon, providing their names and a phone number. Upon arrival at the church, they also have to record their names and phone

numbers on the guests' book provided and will be escorted to their seats inside the church.

People are asked to be aware that, as per Government's policy, failure to comply with these rules

will incur hefty fines. For any ecclesiastical needs or for further updates members of the public can get in touch with your local priest.

With the Government's guidelines always as a reference point and a safe and effective response to the crisis for a smooth return to normality, the Community's Administrative Council would also like to remind you that all social gatherings including Fellowship meetings, Elders Groups, cultural and other events are on hold until further notice.

In addition, the Ridleyton Greek Home for the Aged will remain closed to the public for the safety of the residents and the general safety, until further notice. Visits to the nursing home on conditions of entry, are only allowed for close family members.

The Administrative Council would like to thank the public for their understanding, and ask everyone for their continuous support and patience in this vital matter until further notice.



## Cultural, social and political events in South Australia

Contact: Harri on 0484 387 818 - or email your community's news or a photo: info@greektribune.com.au



### IMAGES FROM YESTER YEAR

The photo, left, was taken at the Riverland Greek Festival in the year 1999. The event was initiated with the sponsorship and support of the Greek Tribune, that was previously published in the area since 1993. The paper is still printed in Renmark. In the photo, the then youngsters Steve Georganas MP and Tom Koutsantonis MP, Carmel Zollo former MLC, Greek Tribune founder Peter Ppiros, members of the GOCSA Dance group and a local aboriginal group

## News around Australia as COVID 19 restrictions start to ease

### NO INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL UNTIL 2021

Don't start packing your bags just yet as it's likely Australia's international borders won't reopen until next year.

Tourism Minister Simon Birmingham says travel outside Australia is still way off.

But he hopes those that can afford international travel are spending their 'travel money' on local businesses by travelling in Australia.

The government is still working on opening its borders to New Zealand.

New Zealand's Foreign Affairs Minister Winston Peters says this travel bubble has been delayed because numerous states in Australia won't reopen their borders.

It is still unknown when or if Australians can freely travel to and from New Zealand.

### UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASE

The unemployment rate in Australia has risen from 6.4 per cent to 7.1 per cent.

Since lockdowns began in March over 800,000 people lost their jobs.

Reports indicate because of these figures the government is set to increase JobSeeker payments due to the high

unemployment rate.

Before Covid-19 JobSeekers were receiving FORTY dollars a day which many argued left Aussies below the poverty line.

When lockdowns were implemented the Federal Government said they would double the JobSeeker payments but only until September.

There are hopes the government will continue this increase beyond September.

### EXTRA SUPPORT FOR NON ENGLISH SPEAKERS

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) is providing extra support for linguistically diverse Australians.

The RACGP has released a guide for GPs to use during Telehealth consultations when the patient requires an interpreter.

The guide tells GPs that during these appointments its important they speak slowly, talk to the patient not the interpreter and allow time for the interpreter to translate the information.

RACGP spokesperson Dr Gillian Singleton says by gaining the patients' trust and putting in the effort to understand their needs can make all the difference in providing the best possible standard of care.

He says, "language should

not be a barrier for people consulting with their GP and looking after their health."

### HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE DOES NOT TREAT COVID19

The World Health Organisation announced all Hydroxychloroquine trials will be stopped as they found the malaria drug did not treat or cure Coronavirus.

This news comes after the The Food and Drug Administration indicated the drug was not beneficial for Covid-19 patients and do not meet the statutory criteria for 'emergency use authorisation.'

The World Health Organisation has also announced health professionals are welcome to use Dexamethasone to treat Covid-19 patients but only for the most serious cases.

The Head of the WHO's emergencies programme, Dr Mike Ryan, says "it is exceptionally important in this case, that the drug is reserved for use in severely ill and critical patients who can benefit from this drug clearly."

U.K Researchers from Oxford University found the steroid drug could decrease the mortality rates of the severely ill by a third.

The research is now in the process of being peer reviewed.

### AUSTRALIANS AVOID THEIR GP DUE TO COVID 19

Australians are avoiding their GP due to fears of getting sick with Covid-19.

This has left hundreds of medical practices on the verge of collapse.

The Royal College of General Practitioners did a survey on one thousand GPs and practices.

Nearly half of the respondents said they weren't sure whether they could continue to operate in SIX months time due to financial stress.

When comparing the monthly income of May 2020 to May last year, a third of respondents reported a drop in income of more than thirty per cent.

Health experts are urging Australians to stop avoiding their GP out of fear of getting the Coronavirus.

They say all medical practices have to adhere to high levels of hygiene regulations to reduce the spread.

Every patient undergoes a screening process to make sure they don't show any symptoms of the virus.

And all surfaces in the patient meeting rooms are cleaned and sanitised after every single appointment.

## Greek culture for Australian Greeks

The majority of Greek migrants arrived in Australia after the Second World War, predominantly between 1950 - 1974. There are historical records of Greeks arriving in Australia in the mid to late 1800s but these were a very small minority and not through a formal State approved migration arrangement.

So here we are some 70 years later in Australia without ever reflecting on the state of our Identity. A subtle and quiet evolution has been in play during this period that has shaped the identity of every individual Greek migrant to a small or very large degree.

The first generation of Greeks went through the normal social-psychological processes which applies to all migrants irrespective of their migratory destinations.

The first reaction in such circumstances is an attitude of upholding their cultural heritage and become very protective of it and dismissive of the culture of the host country. In this regard they tend to develop social settings and apparatuses that help to define their cultural symbols.

We have witnessed some of these over this period, symbols such as the creation of Greek associations from the various parts of Greece which collectively constituted the Greek culture in Australia. The orthodox religion which has played a significant role in sustaining the Greek identity during the Ottoman occupation of Greece emerged once again as the central social player in sustaining the Greek identity through the development of churches and the Greek language schools.

The desire by the first generation of Greek migrants to maintain their Greek identity within Australia was immense and the foundation of the Greek communities that evolved throughout Australia.

As time evolved and Greek migration to Australia declined, what has evolved is a condition where the Greek culture of Australia has stayed still whilst the Culture of the Greek nation in Europe evolved through natural evolution to something more attuned with the prevailing conditions in Europe. As such what we see in play in

Australia is a culture frozen in time to the cultural norms and values of the late 1900's and which is some distance from the prevailing culture of the Greek nation of today.

Subsequent Greek generations in Australia have been exposed to the Anglo culture and without knowing it they have become in a slow but significant way different to their parents with regard to their identity.

In all this time something vital has been missing in the awareness of all migrants in general, and that is, some in-depth understanding of what is culture and how culture shapes ones identity. Of course this is also missing with in the Australian population because the educational system does not embrace Anthropology in its curriculum at the early stages of our educational system. One would think that this should be a vital inclusion in the Australian educational system which is the most multicultural society on the planet.

The teen's stage of one's life is the most critical stage

of life in developing one's self Identity. As a first generation Greek I was confronted by my youngest brother who is born in Australia with the Question; What am I brother am I Greek or Australian, which gave rise to the development of the paper on the subject of What is Greek culture and how does one become Culturalised and are there other alternatives.

Having some understanding of this important aspect it should help every Greek Australian parent guide the development of their children in developing an identity that is commensurate with the new world before them and which would help them to intergrade in constructive ways.

This page is serving as an introduction to the paper which will be printed on each issue in due course. It is a lengthy paper and one is advised to cut out the articles and keep them in order to retain continuity of the subject.

I wish you all happy reading and contemplations.

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ADELAIDE

## End elder abuse this #WEAAD

Australia's Age Discrimination Commissioner has called for all generations in Australia to stand together and help stop elder abuse this World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (#WEAAD) 15 June 2020.

It is estimated that between 2 and 14 per cent of older Australians experience elder abuse in any given year, with the prevalence of neglect possibly higher (Australian Institute of Family Studies).

There is currently a prevalence study being undertaken - but we may never know the exact figures because elder abuse often takes place in secret and behind closed doors.

The Australian Human Rights Commission is concerned that COVID-19 may have heightened the risk of elder abuse for some older people in Australia.

"Social isolation is a driver of elder abuse - and the COVID-19 pandemic has increased social isolation for many older people," said Age Discrimination Commissioner Dr Kay Patterson AO.

"Some older people have been at heightened risk of elder abuse during physical distancing restrictions because they were in lockdown in the same house as the perpetrator, or unable to get to the usual places where they could seek help.

"On World Elder Abuse Awareness Day we all need to stand together and say that the abuse of older people is a human rights violation that has no place in our community."

Elder abuse can take many forms: financial, physical, psychological, emotional, sexual, neglect. It can happen to anyone, regardless of their background or lifestyle.

There are practical things that Australians can do to help stop elder abuse - and help is still available during COVID-19.

"We all need to step up our efforts to support older people and let them know they are not alone during these challenging times.

"We can all play a part in ending elder abuse, and we can do this by staying connected and continuing to check in with the older people in our lives and in our neighbourhoods. "It's important to know that help is available. If you are in immediate danger, call 000. Otherwise, if you experience, witness or suspect elder abuse, you can call the National Elder Abuse phone line for information, support and referrals."

The National Elder Abuse phone line is Australia-wide, free and confidential. You can call the National Elder Abuse phone line on 1800ELDERHelp, 1800 353 374.

The UN recently released a report on the effects of COVID-19 on older people that outlines the hidden human rights risks for older people during the pandemic.

For more information and interviews with the Human Rights Commissioner for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (#WEAAD), please contact Liz Stephens on 0430 366 529 or liz.stephens@humanrights.gov.au



### Participants needed

Have you or someone you care for had an unexpected readmission to hospital within the last month?

Are you aged 65 or over, or care for someone who is?

Would you like to share your thoughts on how the care delivered during your initial admission may have influenced your return to hospital?

We are seeking people to take part in an interview about their experiences of care during their initial hospital admission to explore how the care provided then could have impacted on their unexpected return to hospital.

These interviews will help identify areas where care delivery could be improved to prevent unexpected hospital readmissions for older adults.

### Eligibility

You are eligible to participate if you are:

Aged 65yrs or more or a carer for someone who is, and Have experienced an unexpected hospital readmission within the last month.

Interviews will be conducted by researchers from the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Flinders University. Participants will be reimbursed for costs associated with their participation. If you would like to take part or want more information, please contact:

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